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**Couverture :** En octobre 1995, on a instauré l'établissement des prix de référence comme mesure de réduction des coûts de Pharmacare, programme d'assurance médicaments de la Colombie-Britannique. Dans le cadre de ce système, les médicaments sont regroupés en catégories selon leurs indications thérapeutiques plutôt que leurs propriétés pharmacologiques, et l'on rembourse les payeurs du coût des médicaments prescrits jusqu'à concurrence de la valeur du «médicament de référence» dans la catégorie pertinente. Dans un éditorial qui commence à la page 1185, le Dr Robert F. Woollard soutient que le programme d'établissement des prix de référence aurait dû permettre aux praticiens de première ligne et aux fonctionnaires de l'assurance-maladie de collaborer à l'amélioration de l'efficacité des coûts des médicaments prescrits. L'imposition de l'établissement des prix de référence sans tenir compte des principes bien établis de l'éducation continue et de l'assurance qualité réduit plutôt la liberté professionnelle des médecins d'exercer leur meilleur jugement clinique en prescrivant des médicaments précis à des patients précis. Photo par François Proulx.

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right to charge future trainees "whatever they wanted. The college was buying into what was occurring across the country, that the senior colleagues sell out the junior colleagues. We refused to participate."

The matter remains unresolved. After the strike, residents passed a vote of nonconfidence in Popkin — a measure of their anger, says Duncan — and applied for union certification. The university opposed the application, and the two sides squared off, once again, at a labour relations board hearing in mid-February.

When this was written, that decision, like one from the Saskatchewan Court of Appeals, was pending. Popkin says the residents, arguing that registration and tuition fees are the same, have taken legal action to force the college to pay the tuition on their behalf.

If the court decides in the resident association's favour, "from my point

of view, it will be unfortunate for us," says Popkin, who notes that there would be an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada. "From the residents' point of view, it will be wonderful. Mind you, some of the options we'll have to consider is whether we can have as many residency programs."

In the meantime, Popkin says, Ontario's medical schools also are considering postgraduate tuition fees. [As this article went to press, the Ontario government was considering a request from the province's medical schools to charge residents tuition fees of \$1500 a year, beginning this July. — Ed.] Sources say other medical schools, such as University of British Columbia, have toyed with introducing or raising tuition fees but — temporarily, at least — have dropped the idea; residents believe it is because they fear a repeat of the Saskatchewan strike.

"It's certainly had a very negative effect with respect to people's perception of the College of Medicine," says Popkin, who reports that he received a nearly unanimous vote of confidence from faculty members. "It certainly was very difficult for those of us in the dean's office, who had until that time a very good relationship with residents. After all, I had been the postgraduate dean or associate since 1984."

For Duncan, who like other disenchanted Saskatchewan residents is beginning to look outside the province for practice opportunities, the confrontation and strike have also been "a source of strain and stress. . . . I wish that things could be a little more settled, a little more amenable, so that we could get about our business of training."

But he doesn't hold out much hope. "I'm not optimistic in the slightest," he says. ■

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Physicians of Canada. It is designed to prepare family physicians to deal with the special needs of gay and lesbian patients. Dr. May Cohen, chair of the Gender Issues Committee, said such efforts should be encouraged because "there is ample evidence that these patients do not feel they receive adequate health care."

- Directed that the CMA draft a statement of principles concerning the appointment and reappointment of medical staff. Dr. Ron Wensel, chair of the Com-

mittee on Quality of Care that will draft the statement, said the issue has attracted large numbers of physicians to meetings in Alberta, where concern is growing about morale within the medical profession. "We're very concerned about the migration of our skill set," he said. "In Alberta, we just lost most of our newly graduated family physicians, and most have gone to the US."

- Approved a motion that the CMA "become an active participant in the national unity de-

bate." Dr. Drew Young of British Columbia said that because medicine is a healing profession, it might be able to work to heal rifts in national unity. Dr. Rob Kimball of Nova Scotia said CMA activities could be included under the heading of patient advocacy. "How many of our patients will be better off in a balkanized Canada?" he asked. The board will form a working group to develop an action plan for General Council in time for the 1996 annual meeting. ■

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Vancouver  
(also being held in Toronto May 27–28, 1996)

Institute for International Research, 1101–60 Bloor St. W, Toronto ON M4W 3B8; tel 416 928-1078, fax 416 928-9613

##### **June 3–7, 1996: Ontario Health Promotion Summer School — Health Promotion: New Agenda, New Partnerships (coordinated by the Centre for Health Promotion)**

Toronto  
Health Promotion Summer School, Addiction Research Foundation Training and Education, fax 416 595-6644

##### **June 6–8, 1996: Quality of Life: an International Conference for Families and Professionals on Developmental and Related Disabilities**

Toronto  
Quality of Life Conference—Surrey Place Centre, c/o Continuing Medical Education, University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine, Rm. 121, 150 College St., Toronto ON M5S 1A8; tel 416 978-2719, fax 416 971-2200; a.lind@utoronto.ca

##### **June 9–12, 1996: 4th Canadian Conference on Health Promotion — Health Promotion and Population Health: a Meeting of Ideals (presented by the Montreal Health Promotion Research Centre in collaboration with the Inter-**

##### **disciplinary Health Research Group of the University of Montreal)**

###### **Montreal**

Louise Potvin, 4th Canadian Conference on Health Promotion, Interdisciplinary Health Research Group, University of Montreal, PO Box 6128, Station Centre-ville, Montreal QC H3C 3J7

##### **Du 9 au 12 juin 1996 : 4<sup>e</sup> Congrès canadien sur la promotion de la santé — la promotion de la santé et la santé des populations : au confluent des visions (présenté par le Centre de recherche en promotion de la santé de Montréal en collaboration avec le Groupe de recherche interdisciplinaire en santé de l'Université de Montréal)**

###### **Montréal**

Louise Potvin, 4<sup>e</sup> Congrès canadien en promotion de la santé, Groupe de recherche interdisciplinaire en santé, Université de Montréal, CP 6128, Succursale Centre-ville, Montréal QC H3C 3J7

##### **June 9–13, 1996: Canadian Association of Radiologists 59th Annual Meeting**

###### **Vancouver**

Canadian Association of Radiologists, 510–5101 Buchan St., Montreal QC H4P 2R9; tel 514 738-3111, fax 514 738-5199

##### **Du 9 au 13 juin 1996 : 59<sup>e</sup> assemblée annuelle de l'Association canadienne des radiologues**

###### **Vancouver**

Association canadienne des radiologues, 510–5101, rue Buchan, Montréal QC H4P 2R9; tel 514 738-3111, fax 514 738-5199

##### **June 10–11, 1996: Animal Welfare and Toxi-**

##### **cology Studies: Current Issues and Trends for the Next Century**

###### **Baltimore**

Conferences, Scientists Center for Animal Welfare, Golden Triangle Building One, 340–7833 Walker Dr., Greenbelt MD 20770; tel 301 345-3500, fax 301 345-3503

##### **June 13–15, 1996: Teaching to Promote Women's Health**

###### **Toronto**

Women's College Hospital, tel 416 862-9067, fax 416 862-2238

##### **June 14, 1996: 38th Annual Departmental Research Day and 16th Clement McCulloch Lecture**

###### **Toronto**

Guest speaker: Prof. D. McLeod, FRCS, FRCOphth

Dr. David S. Rootman, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Toronto, 115–1 Spadina Cres., Toronto ON M5S 2J5; tel 416 603-5401

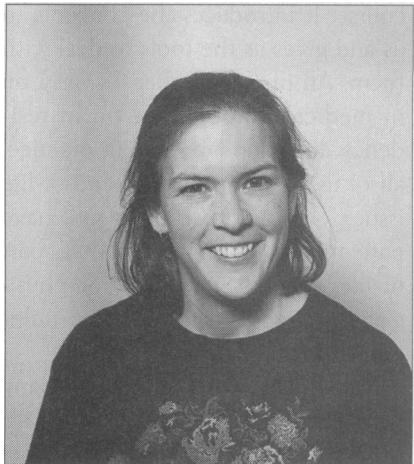
Judy Cardwell, coordinator, tel 416 978-2635, fax 416 978-1522; J.Cardwell@utoronto.ca

##### **Du 16 au 19 juin 1996 : Assemblée générale annuelle et congrès biennal de l'Association des infirmières et infirmiers du Canada**

###### **Halifax**

Patricia Mohr, coordonnatrice de conférences, Association des infirmières et infirmiers du Canada, 50, the Driveway, Ottawa ON K2P 1E2; tel 613 237-2133 ou 800 361-8404, fax 613 237-3520; CNA@magi.com

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Jill Rice: "You need to achieve a balance."

dette. "I found myself feeling something very different during each rotation, with some issues becoming more and more difficult. I remember at first I was not really prepared at all for the harshness, the realities of medicine, and I think this session really helped out a lot. But I think hav-

ing some sort of continuity [throughout medical school] would have been more practical."

The need for continuity is not news to Labrosse and Dagg, whose plans include expansion. A pilot follow-up program last year during the internal medicine rotation — one of the most intense rotations the students encounter — was well received and will be repeated.

Labrosse says the next step is to recruit faculty within each clinical department at the medical school to run follow-up sessions in their rotations.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that the program paves the way in helping young medical students deal with the end-of-life issues they will inevitably face, but Labrosse would like to see data to back up the anecdotes and plans to conduct a research study to gauge the program's impact.

Medical programs across the

country are undergoing significant changes today, mostly in response to internal and external criticisms that Labrosse thinks revolve around issues such as communication skills, ethics and the imbalance between the scientific and human sides of medicine.

Labrosse and Dagg think the U of O program will help students attain a better balance between the two. They both hope similar programs will eventually be taught as a matter of course in medical schools across the country.

As for James B., 7 years after his original diagnosis he was told he had another tumour, this time on his left lung. Because chemotherapy was ineffective, a partial resection was performed. The tumour reappeared in 1992 and the remainder of his left lung was removed. Since then, regular checkups have revealed no new problems. ■

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##### **June 16–19, 1996: Canadian Nurses Association Annual General Meeting and Biennial Convention**

Halifax

Patricia Mohr, conference coordinator, Canadian Nurses Association, 50 the Driveway, Ottawa ON K2P 1E2; tel 613 237-2133 or 800 361-8404, fax 613 237-3520; CNA@magi.com

##### **June 16–19, 1996: Symposium on Diet, Nutrition and Health: an Update (precedes the Canadian Federation of Biological Sciences Annual Meeting)**

London, Ont.

Centre for Human Nutrition, University of Western Ontario, London ON N6A 5C1; tel 519 661-3096, fax 519 661-4006

##### **June 16–19, 1996: 13th International Conference on Human Tumour Markers (organized by the Singapore Association of Clinical Biochemists in collaboration with the International Academy of Tumor Marker Oncology)**

Singapore

13th IATMO Conference Secretariat, Academy of Medicine, Singapore, 16 College Rd., #01-01, Singapore 0316

**July 6, 1996: HIV Prevention Works (satellite symposium of the 11th International Conference on AIDS, presented in collaboration with the National AIDS Strategy of Health Canada, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)**

Vancouver

Canadian Public Health Association, 400-1565 Carling Ave., Ottawa ON K1Z 8R1; tel 613 725-3769, fax 613 725-9826

**Le 6 juill. 1996 : La prévention du VIH, ça marche (symposium satellite de la 11<sup>e</sup> Conférence internationale sur le SIDA, en collaboration avec la Stratégie nationale sur le SIDA de Santé Canada, le Programme commun des Nations Unies sur le VIH/SIDA et les Centers for Disease Control and Prevention américains)**

Vancouver

Association canadienne de santé publique, 400-1565, ave. Carling, Ottawa ON K1Z 8R1; tél 613 725-3769, fax 613 725-9826

**July 14–17, 1996: Overtraining and Over-reaching in Sport: Physiological, Psychological and Biomedical Considerations**

Memphis, Tenn.

Laura Wilhelm, Human Kinetics, 1607 N Mar-

ket St., PO Box 5076, Champaign IL 61825-5076; tel 800 747-4457 or 217 351-5076, fax 217 351-2674

##### **Aug. 23–25, 1996: Ethical Issues in the Care of Incompetent Patients**

Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Dr. Jos V.M. Welie, Clinical Ethics Research, Education and Consultation (CEREC) Center of Southeast Florida, PO Box 292932, Fort Lauderdale FL 33329-2932; tel 305 424-9304; jwelie@bcffreenet.seflin.lib.fl.us

##### **Aug. 25–29, 1996: Managing Health Care: Building on Evidence course**

Mactier, Ont.

Gale Delaney, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences in Ontario, G-106, 2075 Bayview Ave., North York ON M4N 3M5; tel 416 480-4055, ext. 3888; fax 416 480-6048; courses@ices.on.ca, website: <http://www.ices.on.ca/docs/courses.htm>

##### **Aug. 25–Sept. 1, 1996: Family Medicine into the 21st Century**

Alaska to Vancouver aboard the M.S. Ryndam Sea Courses, 32-550 Beatty St., Vancouver BC V6B 2L3; tel 604 589-6111, fax 604 589-8955

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Died Oct. 23 aged 58; survived by her husband, Blake MacKenzie, and two children.

**Tennent**, Helen L., Winnipeg, University of Manchester (England), 1948; anesthesia, MB, ChB; DA(Lond), FRCPC; staff, Salvation Army Grace General Hospital; lecturer, University of Manitoba. Died Nov. 19 aged 70.

**Thibault**, Eugène, Lasalle (Qué.); Université de Montréal, 1927; médecine interne, FRS(H(Eng), FACHA; ancien directeur médical du Centre Hospitalier de Verdun. Décédé le 14 octobre à l'âge de 96.

**Walsh**, Cyril J. (Skit), Shea Heights, Nfld.; Dalhousie University, 1944; ophthalmology; active staff and former director of ophthalmology, Dr. Charles A. Janeway Child Health Centre; active staff, Children's Reha-

bilitation Centre; courtesy staff, St. Clare's Mercy Hospital; associate clinical professor, Memorial University. Died Nov. 17 aged 76; survived by his wife, Marion, and four children.

**Wilson**, Gerald E., Amherstview, Ont., University of Toronto, 1932; psychiatry; DPsy; RCAMC, WW II; former staff psychiatrist, Hotel Dieu Hospital; former consultant, Cornwall General Hospital; retired acting commanding officer, 11 Medical Corps, Kingston, Ont. Died Nov. 12 aged 89; survived by his son, Dr. Andrew Wilson, and daughters Linda, Rosemary and Erin.

**Wong**, John, Victoria, University of British Columbia, 1956; otolaryngology; FRCSC; former board member, Victoria Chinatown Care Centre and Victoria Medical Society. Died Nov. 16 aged 66; survived by his

wife, Leonora, and five children.

**Wood**, Lorne G., Vancouver, University of Alberta, 1935; urology; FRCSC, RCAMC, WW II; former staff, Vancouver General and St. Vincent's hospitals; professor emeritus, University of British Columbia; past president, American Urological Association (western section); editorial board member, *Journal of Urology*. Died Oct. 10 aged 86; survived by four children.

**Woodley**, W. Robert, Hornby Island, BC; University of Ottawa, 1952; diagnostic radiology; FRCPC; former staff, Vernon Jubilee Hospital. Died July 12 aged 76.

**Zakem**, S. Samir, Pierrefonds (Qué.); Alexandria University, l'Égypte, 1960; omnipraticien. Décédé le 8 novembre à l'âge de 63; laisse son épouse Marie Caloutsi et une fille.

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##### **Sept. 25–28, 1996: Canadian Mental Health Association 1996 National Conference — Awakening to Partnerships in Crisis Intervention, Media and Criminal Justice**

Hamilton, Ont.

Marianne Dewar, Meeting Management Services Inc., 2267 Abbotsbury St., Burlington ON L7P 4H7; tel 905 335-7993 or 800 625-7925

##### **Du 25 au 28 sept. 1996 : Congrès national 1996 de l'Association canadienne pour la santé mentale — Réveil aux coalitions pour crise d'intervention, média et justice criminelle**

Hamilton (Ont.)

Marianne Dewar, Meeting Management Services Inc., 2267, rue Abbotsbury, Burlington ON L7P 4H7; tél 905 335-7993 ou 800 625-7925

##### **Sept. 26–28, 1996: Ontario Medical Association and Canadian Anaesthetists' Society Annual Fall Meeting**

Windsor, Ont.

OMA/CAS Meeting 1996, c/o Mrs. Anne Dube, executive secretary, Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital, 1030 Ouellette Ave., Windsor ON N9A 1E1; for telephone and fax enquiries, Dr. Bill Taylor, tel 519 973-4421, fax 519 973-0645

##### **Oct. 4–6, 1996: Frontiers in Lipid and Lipoprotein Research: Basic Science, Analytical, Clinical and Public Health Education**

Dallas

*Study credits available.*

Paula M. Steiner, Medical Research Laboratories, 2 Tesseneer Dr., Highland Heights KY 41076; tel 606 781-8877, ext. 252; fax 606 781-9310; lipf@ceheli.em.cdc.gov

##### **Oct. 18–20, 1996: Canadian Medical Society on Alcohol and Other Drugs 8th Annual Scientific Meeting — the Art of Addiction Medicine**

North York, Ont.

Wilcom Services Inc., 59 Horner Dr., Nepean ON K2H 5G1; tel 613 596-6064, fax 613 596-0711

##### **Les 28 et 29 nov. 1996 : Colloque du 20<sup>e</sup> anniversaire de la Revue d'épidémiologie et de santé publique (avec l'aide de l'Institut national de la santé et de la recherche médicale et des Éditions Masson)**

Paris, France

Nadine Job-Spira, Secrétariat de la RESP, Porte 26, Secteur bleu, Hôpital de Bicêtre, 82, rue du Général Leclerc, 94276 Le Kremlin-Bicêtre Cedex, France; tél 33 1 4521-2343, fax 33 1 4521-2075

##### **Du 28 au 30 nov. 1996 : Congrès sur la**

**recherche interdisciplinaire en santé (organisé par l'Association canadienne des écoles universitaires de nursing, l'Association des infirmières et infirmiers du Canada, la Fondation des infirmières et infirmiers du Canada et le Groupe canadien de recherche infirmière)**

Ottawa

Secrétariat de la conférence, Association canadienne des écoles universitaires de nursing, 325-350, rue Albert, Ottawa ON K1R 1B1; tél 613 563-1236, ext. 280; fax 613 563-7739; causn@aix1.uottawa.ca

Shirley Verheyden, coordonnatrice du congrès, 9, rue Kitimat, Nepean ON K2H 7G4; tél 613 829-9076, fax 613 829-2883

##### **Nov. 28–30, 1996: Interdisciplinary Health Research Conference (sponsored by the Canadian Association of University Schools of Nursing, the Canadian Nurses Association, the Canadian Nurses Foundation and the Canadian Nursing Research Group)**

Ottawa

Conference Secretariat, Canadian Association of University Schools of Nursing, 325-350 Albert St., Ottawa ON K1R 1B1; tél 613 563-1236, ext. 280; fax 613 563-7739; causn@aix1.uottawa.ca

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